



**Student Informed Consent Regarding  
Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

The purpose of this form is to inform you about the risks regarding the Coronavirus and your encounter at Mercer Health. Please consider the information carefully as you make this important decision.

**What is Coronavirus?** Coronavirus, or COVID-19, is a respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus that can spread from person to person. To protect yourself, you should follow the same steps that help to prevent other illnesses, like the flu. The virus is thought to spread mainly between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet) through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

**What have we done to Protect you from Coronavirus?** The health and safety of our patients is our top priority. We have taken additional steps to help protect everyone at Mercer Health:

1. All of our personnel will utilize appropriate personal protective equipment (“PPE”) and follow current guidelines regarding infection control.
2. We have limited visitors and other people from accessing the hospital and physician offices to limit the spread of the disease.
3. In addition to our normal, very thorough cleaning and disinfecting procedures, we have implemented cleaning procedures specifically directed at the Coronavirus.
4. We perform daily health checks on all of our staff. Any staff member who shows any signs or symptoms of Coronavirus is not permitted to work.
5. We have followed all Federal, State, and Local guidelines given during the current Coronavirus pandemic.

**Risks associated with the Coronavirus:** The Coronavirus can be acquired when you come into contact with any person who is infected. One of the problems with this disease is that many people who are infected do not show any signs or symptoms (asymptomatic). Therefore, you may be exposed any time you interact with another person, whether at the local store, gas station, your workplace, or at the hospital. While we have taken every precaution to make Mercer Health as safe as possible, we cannot guarantee that our organization is free of Coronavirus or asymptomatic individuals. Simply put, you may contract Coronavirus anywhere other individuals are, including Mercer Health.

**Individuals at Higher Risk:** People are more at risk for Coronavirus if they live in or have recently traveled to places where ongoing community spread of the virus has been reported, OR if they have been in close contact with someone diagnosed with Coronavirus. In addition, some people are at higher risk for serious illness from Coronavirus, including:

1. People who are 60 and older.
2. People with underlying health conditions, including heart disease, lung disease, or diabetes.
3. People with weakened immune systems.
4. People who are pregnant.

If you fall into one of these categories, please make sure you discuss this situation with your Provider prior to your visitation at Mercer Health.

**Confirmation of Understanding and Statement of Consent**

I have read and understand this consent document and have been able to ask questions about my encounter at Mercer Health. All of my questions and concerns have been addressed. I agree to abide by all applicable policies and procedures of Mercer health, including but not limited to:

1. I will follow all PPE and infection control (including the handwashing policy) policies;
2. I will immediately inform to Mercer Health if I experience any signs or symptoms of Coronavirus;
3. I will undergo a health screen at Mercer Health upon my arrival;
4. I will inform Mercer Health if I have been exposed to any person known to have Coronavirus prior to my visit.

I give my informed and voluntary consent to participate in treatment and/or visitation at Mercer Health. Please keep a copy of this consent document for your records.

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Printed name of student

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Signature of student

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Date

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Printed Name of Parent/Guardian if student under 18

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Signature of Parent/Guardian if student under 18

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